

Summaries of Government Operations Related Bills Passed During the 2007 General Session

H.B. 1 State Agency and Higher Education Base Budget Appropriations (Rep. R. Bigelow)

This bill supplements or reduces appropriations previously provided for the use and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007, and appropriates funds for the support and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

This bill:

- ▶ provides appropriations for the use and support of certain state agencies;
- ▶ provides appropriations for the use and support of certain institutions of higher education;
- ▶ provides appropriations for other purposes as described;
- ▶ approves employment levels for internal service funds;
- ▶ approves capital acquisition amounts for internal service funds.

H.B. 2 Executive Compensation Revisions (Rep. D. Clark)

This bill increases salaries, salary ranges, and benefits for constitutional officers and certain other state officers.

This bill:

- ▶ increases salaries for the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, state auditor, and state treasurer;
- ▶ increases salary ranges for certain identified state officers; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

***H.B. 10 Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments (Rep. W. Harper)**

This bill modifies the Open and Public Meetings Act by amending definitions and requirements for open meetings.

This bill:

- ▶ clarifies that the definition of public body includes a public body created by the Utah Constitution as well as by statute, rule, ordinance, or resolution;
- ▶ amends content requirements for written minutes and recordings of open meetings; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

*** Indicates bills recommended by the Government Operations Interim Committee during the 2006 interim (6 of 7 passed)**

***H.B. 14 Election Law Revisions (Rep. D. Aagard)**

This bill modifies provisions of the Election Code.

This bill:

- ▶ modifies definitions related to poll workers and election judges;
- ▶ clarifies that criminal penalties in the Election Code apply to all poll workers rather than only to poll workers appointed as election judges;
- ▶ removes the requirement for voters to provide their voting precinct number on the voter registration form;
- ▶ requires the voter registration form to list the name of all registered political parties;
- ▶ adjusts the date to challenge names listed on the official register to accommodate early voting;
- ▶ provides quorum requirements for local and state boards of canvassers;
- ▶ modifies a date for the provision of ballots to be consistent with similar date requirements;
- ▶ modifies language relating to municipal ballot formatting to be more consistent with electronic ballot requirements;
- ▶ requires the lieutenant governor to maintain a current list of registered political parties; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

***H.B. 60 Notary Public Revisions (Rep. G. Donnelson)**

This bill modifies the Notaries Public Reform Act by amending certain definitions.

This bill:

- ▶ amends the definition of "acknowledgment" to require a notary to know or obtain evidence of the identity of a signer of a document; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

***H.B. 61 Election Law Amendments (Rep. D. Aagard)**

This bill modifies provisions of the Election Code.

This bill:

- ▶ changes the deadline for challenging the nomination of a person in a primary election from ten days after the date of the primary election to ten days after the date of the primary election's canvass;
- ▶ changes the date for the lieutenant governor to certify the ballot titles for constitutional amendments to be consistent with the certification date for the names of judges up for retention election;
- ▶ modifies the deadline for publishing notice of open offices to provide consistency with county notice requirements;
- ▶ changes the date for the lieutenant governor to certify the names of candidates to be consistent with the certification date for the names of judges up for retention election; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

***H.B. 62 Lobbyist Disclosure Technical Amendments (Rep. G. Donnelson)**

This bill modifies the Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act to clarify certain reporting requirement provisions.

This bill:

- ▶ amends a section cross-reference to clarify a distinction between reporting requirements for travel expenses and for other expenses made by lobbyists to benefit public officials; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

***1st Sub. H.B. 63 Initiative and Referendum - Signature Verification Procedures (Rep. N. Hendrickson)**

This bill establishes uniform standards for signature verification on initiative and referendum petitions.

This bill:

- ▶ establishes uniform standards for determining whether a signer's signature on an initiative or referendum petition is valid or not;
- ▶ provides for the optional placement of birth date or age information on referendum and initiative petitions; and
- ▶ provides a statement on each signature sheet that:
 - explains how the age or birth date information will be used; and
 - states that age and birth date information is optional.

H.B. 71 Ballot Form Amendments (Rep. C. Johnson)

This bill modifies certain ballot form requirements in the Election Code.

This bill:

- ▶ requires that the word "party" be included at the end of the name of each political party listed in the straight party selection area of ballot sheets and electronic ballots; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

H.B. 89 Government Assistance Expenditure Report (Rep. M. Morley)

This bill amends the duties of the Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst to provide an annual report on government assistance expenditures.

This bill:

- ▶ requires the Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst to submit to the Executive Appropriations Committee of the Legislature an annual report of state and federal funds expended to provide financial assistance and services to low-income individuals and families;
- ▶ describes the content of the annual report described in the preceding paragraph; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

H.B. 107 Funding for Prosecution and Prevention of Child Pornography Offenses (*Rep. R. Bigelow*)

This bill appropriates certain ongoing General Fund monies to the Office of the Attorney General to fund certain programs related to fighting child pornography crimes.

This bill:

- ▶ appropriates monies to the Office of the Attorney General for the following items related to Title 76, Chapter 5a, Sexual Exploitation of Children:
 - replacement of federal funding cuts to the ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) grant program;
 - training of ICAC Task Force members and affiliate entities;
 - grants for state and local law enforcement and prosecution agencies; and
 - one new civilian investigative technician to assist with the ICAC unit operations; and
- ▶ appropriates monies to the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice for grants for approved education programs to help prevent the sexual exploitation of children and requires certain reporting.

H.B. 110 State Fleet Efficiency Requirements (*Rep. F. Hunsaker*)

This bill modifies the Division of Fleet Operations and Administration of State Motor Vehicles chapter to amended provisions related to the purchase and management of state vehicles and reporting of state agency vehicle fleet efficiency.

This bill:

- ▶ requires the director of the Division of Fleet Operations to make rules establishing standards and procedures for purchasing economically appropriate vehicles for the purposes and driving conditions for which they will be used, including procedures for granting exceptions by the executive director of the Department of Administrative Services;
- ▶ requires the division to conduct an annual market analysis of proposed rates and fees;
- ▶ requires the division to establish a standard vehicle size and type for replacement and fleet expansion vehicles;
- ▶ requires agencies to file written requests and justifications for obtaining a nonstandard vehicle size or type;
- ▶ requires the Division of Fleet Operations to develop and coordinate the implementation of a statewide vehicle fleet cost efficiency plan to ensure continuing progress toward statewide overall cost reduction in government vehicle costs;
- ▶ provides for the content of the cost efficiency plan;
- ▶ requires state agencies to develop, implement, and submit agency vehicle fleet cost efficiency plans to the division;
- ▶ requires state agencies that own or lease vehicles to include their vehicle

- ▶ fleet cost efficiency plans and standard cost measures with their annual reports submitted to the division; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

H.B. 204 Modifications to Open and Public Meetings *(Rep. S. Wyatt)*

This bill modifies the Open and Public Meetings Act by amending certain provisions.

This bill:

- ▶ modifies definitions;
- ▶ clarifies that public bodies created by the Utah Constitution are subject to the requirements of the act;
- ▶ clarifies that notice of an emergency meeting shall include notice of the time, place, and topics of the meeting;
- ▶ provides that, at the discretion of the presiding member of the public body, topics raised by the public may be discussed at a meeting even if they have not been placed on the agenda, provided that no final action is taken at the meeting; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

H.B. 205 Public Demonstrations At Funerals *(Rep. R. Bigelow)*

This bill provides a criminal penalty for certain activities done with the intent to disrupt a funeral or memorial service.

This bill:

- ▶ provides definitions; and
- ▶ provides that it is a class B misdemeanor for a person to do any of the following during the period starting 60 minutes before a memorial service and ending 60 minutes after conclusion of the memorial service with intent to disrupt the memorial service:
 - knowingly block or impede entry to or from the memorial service;
 - block or impede a funeral procession;
 - engage in certain disruptive activities within 200 feet of a memorial service; or
 - engage in unreasonable noise.

H.B. 216 Division of Facilities Construction and Management Amendments *(Rep. D. G. Buxton)*

This bill modifies the State Building Board and Division of Facilities Construction and Management provisions by adjusting the cost thresholds for certain projects which require legislative approval and amending provisions for state entity supervision of construction of new facilities.

This bill:

- ▶ increases the cost thresholds of capital development projects that must have legislative approval prior to construction;
- ▶ increases the cost thresholds of prioritized capital improvements required to be submitted to the Legislature for review and approval;
- ▶ amends certain definitions;
- ▶ requires state entities to assure compliance with certain division standards for new facilities that are under direct supervision of the state entity;
- ▶ modifies definitions to increase the threshold for a high-cost lease; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

H.B. 219 Unclaimed Property Act Provisions *(Rep. F. Hunsaker)*

This bill modifies provisions of the Unclaimed Property Act.

This bill:

- ▶ reduces the time after which the following unclaimed property is considered to be abandoned from five years to three years:
 - net intangible property;
 - a bank draft;
 - a deposit in a financial institution;
 - a stock, shareholding, or other intangible ownership in a business;
 - intangible property or income held in an agent or fiduciary capacity; or
 - mineral proceeds;
- ▶ provides that all unclaimed funds held or owing under a life or endowment insurance policy are considered to be abandoned after three years;
- ▶ changes the month in which reports of unclaimed property are to be filed from June to November;
- ▶ raises the dollar amount at which unclaimed property must be accompanied by specific information and be reported individually from \$25 to \$50;
- ▶ permits an electronic book entry to be used as proof of ownership of stock or other intangible interests;
- ▶ requires that the administrator publish notice of unclaimed property within 12 months of the date the property was received;
- ▶ removes certain content requirements for publication of unclaimed property via newspaper;
- ▶ permits sale of abandoned property via the Internet;
- ▶ provides procedures for delivery of property and deductions of reasonable fees and expenses at the time of sale;
- ▶ modifies procedures and requirements for the sale of securities;
- ▶ permits the administrator to examine records pertaining to abandoned or unclaimed property that are in the possession of an agent of a business association or a financial association;
- ▶ permits the administrator to require a person to file a verified report stating

- whether or not the person is holding any unclaimed property subject to the act;
- ▶ provides that a person who fails to pay or deliver property when required by the act shall pay interest on the value of the property at the rate of 12% per annum; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

4th Sub. H.B. 222 Open and Public Meetings - Electronic Notice **(Rep. J. Dougall)**

This bill modifies the Open and Public Meetings Act to amend provisions related to electronic notice of public meetings and to establish a Utah Public Notice Website.

This bill:

- ▶ modifies notice requirements in the Interlocal Cooperation Act to ensure compliance with notice provisions of the Open and Public Meetings Act;
- ▶ requires a public body to provide public notice of its meetings on the Utah Public Notice Website;
- ▶ provides exceptions for posting notice on the Utah Public Notice Website by a municipality or a district that has a budget of less than \$1 million;
- ▶ prohibits a court from voiding a final action of a public body due to a technology failure affecting posting public notice on the Internet under certain circumstances;
- ▶ amends the duties of the Division of Archives and Records Service;
- ▶ authorizes the Division of Archives and Records Service, with the technical assistance of the Department of Technology Services, to establish and maintain the Utah Public Notice Website;
- ▶ provides requirements for the website;
- ▶ provides that responsibility for the content of notices posted and the timing of notices posted is the responsibility of the public body posting the notice; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

H.B. 223 Voter Information Website (Rep. W. Harper)

This bill modifies the Election Code and the Lieutenant Governor Chapter by establishing the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website Program administered by the lieutenant governor.

This bill:

- ▶ establishes the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website Program administered by the lieutenant governor in cooperation with the county clerks;
- ▶ requires the lieutenant governor to develop and implement a website that includes all information currently provided in the voter information pamphlet and to include information on local races, candidates, and ballot propositions;
- ▶ requires local election officials to submit information to the lieutenant

- governor for each ballot label under the election official's direct responsibility so the information may be placed on the website;
- ▶ provides certain deadlines for submitting the election information;
- ▶ provides for the lieutenant governor's review of submitted information;
- ▶ requires certain frequently asked voter questions and answers to be included on the website;
- ▶ provides a deadline for the website to be ready for use;
- ▶ allows the expansion of the information to include other elections;
- ▶ requires the filing clerk to inform qualified candidates of the program;
- ▶ amends the duties of the lieutenant governor to provide election information to the public by providing it on the Internet; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

H.B. 253 *Allowing State Memorials on State Property (Rep. W. Harper)*

This bill modifies Title 11, Cities, Counties, and Local Taxing Units, and Title 63, Chapter 9, State Buildings and Grounds, to provide for the placement of certain memorials on public property.

This bill:

- ▶ provides certain definitions;
- ▶ permits the state, a state agency, or a political subdivision to authorize the use or donation of public land for the purpose of maintaining, erecting, or contributing to the erection or maintenance of a memorial to commemorate certain individuals;
- ▶ specifies certain provisions on the use or donation of public land for a memorial; and
- ▶ allows the state, state agency, or political subdivision to specify the form, placement, and design of a memorial that is subject to this section.

H.B. 257 *Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments (Rep. G. Donnelson)*

This bill modifies the Open and Public Meetings Act by amending provisions related to written or recorded minutes for certain special districts.

This bill:

- ▶ provides that all special districts under Title 17A with annual budgeted expenditures of \$50,000 or less may keep either written minutes or a recording of their open meetings.

H.B. 304 *State Treasurer Compensation (Rep. D. Clark)*

This bill modifies the salary for the state treasurer.

This bill:

- ▶ establishes the salary of the state treasurer at 95% of the governor's salary; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.

**H.B. 316 Expansion of Career Service to the Office of Attorney General
(Rep. R. Lockhart)**

This bill modifies Title 67, State Officers and Employees, to move employees of the Office of the Attorney General from career service and classified service provisions under the Department of Human Resource Management to their own career service system.

This bill:

- ▶ expands the career service system now applicable to attorneys employed by the Office of the Attorney General to include all employees employed by the Office of the Attorney General;
- ▶ expands the exemption from classified service provisions under the Department of Human Resource Management from attorneys employed in the Office of the Attorney General to include all employees employed by the Office of the Attorney General;
- ▶ expands the exemption from career service provisions under the Department of Human Resource Management to all employees in the Office of the Attorney General; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

H.B. 317 Capitol Hill Complex - Legislative Space (Rep. W. Harper)

This bill amends the Legislative Code to outline those areas of Capitol hill that are defined as legislative space.

This bill:

- ▶ amends the Legislative Code to outline those areas of Capitol hill that are defined as legislative space;
- ▶ amends certain definitions;
- ▶ defines legislative space in the State Capitol, Senate Building, and House Building;
- ▶ provides exceptions as to Legislative Management Committee's jurisdiction over the legislative area; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**H.B. 341 Attorney General Crime Violence Prevention Special Revenue Fund
(Rep. P. Neuenschwander)**

This bill creates a restricted special revenue fund for the receipt and expenditure of certain charitable gifts and donations to the Office of the Attorney General.

This bill:

- ▶ creates a restricted special revenue fund known as the Attorney General Crime and Violence Prevention Fund for the receipt and expenditure of certain charitable gifts and donations to the Office of the Attorney General; and
- ▶ provides for the administration and use of the fund.

1st Sub. H.B. 347 Municipal Election Law Provisions (Rep. D. Aagard)

This bill modifies provisions of the Election Code.

This bill:

- ▶ makes technical amendments;
- ▶ modifies definitions;
- ▶ moves the date of the municipal primary election from October to September;
- ▶ modifies provisions governing the days and hours of poll operation for early voting in local special elections, municipal primary elections, and municipal general elections;
- ▶ provides that use of machines that provide disability access is not required for early voting in local special elections, municipal primary elections, and municipal elections;
- ▶ permits municipalities to combine up to four voting precincts into a single precinct for voting purposes in municipal elections;
- ▶ provides that the use of electronic voting machines is not required for municipal primary elections or municipal general elections;
- ▶ permits poll workers who are assigned to a voting precinct during a municipal election to reside within the county, rather than within the precinct they are assigned to; and
- ▶ adjusts the deadline for filing declarations of candidacy and nomination petitions for municipal elections.

H.B. 349 Accounting Audit Standards (Rep. K. Grover)

This bill modifies the Accounting Reports from Political Subdivisions, Interlocal Organizations, and Other Local Entities Act.

This bill:

- ▶ modifies definitions to clarify that financial reporting by local governments be done in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

1st Sub. H.B. 368 Early Voting Polling Places (Rep. M. Walker)

This bill modifies provisions in the Election Code relating to early voting polling places.

This bill:

- ▶ requires that, during regular general elections and regular primary elections, counties of the first and second class shall ensure that:
 - at least one early voting polling place is located within each complete or partial Utah State Senate district in the county; and
 - within each of the above districts, at least one early voting polling place is open on each day that early voting is offered; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

H.B. 449 Accident Report Records Access (*Rep. M. Walker*)

This bill modifies provisions related to access to law enforcement accident reports under the Traffic Code.

This bill:

- ▶ provides a general acute hospital with access to traffic accident reports prepared by law enforcement agencies if:
 - the hospital has an emergency room; and
 - the hospital has provided emergency services to a person in connection with the accident.

**S.B. 1 Current Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Act
(*Sen. L. Hillyard*)**

This bill supplements or reduces appropriations previously provided for the use and operation of state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007.

This bill:

- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for the use and support of certain state agencies;
- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for the use and support of certain institutions of higher education;
- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for other purposes as described;
- ▶ provides intent language.

S.B. 3 Appropriation Adjustments (*Sen. L. Hillyard*)

This bill supplements or reduces appropriations previously provided for the use and operation of state government for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 and beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

This bill:

- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for the use and support of certain state agencies;
- ▶ provides funds for the bills with fiscal impact passed in the 2007 General Session;
- ▶ provides budget increases and decreases for other purposes as described;
- ▶ provides intent language;

**3rd Sub. S.B. 56 Education Employee Association Amendments
(*Sen. M. Madsen*)**

This bill enacts provisions in Chapter 53A, State System of Public Education, related to policies and procedures governing education employee associations.

This bill:

- ▶ requires school districts and charter schools to allow education employee associations equal access to the following activities:
 - distribution of information to teachers' or employees' physical or electronic mailboxes; and
 - membership solicitation at new teacher or employee orientation;
- ▶ prohibits school districts and charter schools from:
 - establishing or maintaining procedures that favor one education employee association over another; or
 - explicitly or implicitly endorsing an education employee association; and
- ▶ prohibits a school's calendars and publications from referring to the name of any education employee organization in reference to any break in the school calendar.

2nd Sub. S.B. 98 Governmental Immunity for Trails (Sen. D. C. Buttars)

This bill modifies the Governmental Immunity Act of Utah, the Water and Irrigation Title, and the Judicial Code to amend provisions related to immunity for certain trails along a ditch, canal, stream, or river and to amend immunity provisions for inherent risks of certain activities.

This bill:

- ▶ provides that governmental immunity is not waived for a pedestrian or equestrian trail that is along a ditch, canal, stream, or river, regardless of ownership or operation of the ditch, canal, stream, or river, if the trail is designated under a general plan adopted by a municipality or a county and other requirements are met;
- ▶ provides that the owner or operator of a ditch, canal, stream, or river property is immune from suit if:
 - the damage or personal injury results from the use of a pedestrian or equestrian trail that is along a ditch, canal, stream, or river;
 - the trail is designated under a general plan adopted by a municipality or county; and
 - the trail right-of-way owner has a written agreement with the municipality or county opening the right-of-way to public use;
- ▶ requires the written agreement to provide that the owner of the right-of-way where the trail is located has, at minimum, the same level of immunity as the governmental entity from suit in connection with or resulting from the use of the trail;
- ▶ amends the definition of recreational activity, used in connection with inherent risks of certain recreational activities, to include walking, running, and jogging;
- ▶ provides that a person who is injured or suffers property damage while participating in a recreational activity may not seek recovery from the owner of property that is made available to a county, municipality, special district, or local district for recreational activity purposes; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

S.B. 135 Public Employees Disability Benefits Limitations (Sen. L. Hillyard)

This bill modifies the Public Employees' Long-Term Disability Act to amend provisions related to disability claims.

This bill:

- ▶ provides that an employee is not eligible for long-term disability benefits during any period that the employee claims to be able to work or has an action pending in which the employee claims to be able to work;
- ▶ provides that an employer may obtain long-term disability information for certain pending cases in which the employer is a party;
- ▶ provides that monthly disability benefits paid for long-term disability may be reduced or reimbursed for certain amounts received during eligibility including when the employee receives a judgment, settlement, or other payment as a result of a claim against an employer related to the period of disability; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

S.B. 143 Personal Use of State Vehicles Authorized for Law Enforcement Officers in the Office of the Attorney General (Sen. D. Peterson)

This bill modifies Title 67, Chapter 5, Attorney General, to allow the attorney general to authorize personal use of state vehicles for certain law enforcement officers.

This bill:

- ▶ allows the attorney general to authorize personal use of state vehicles for up to 28 law enforcement officers employed in the Office of the Attorney General.

S.B. 191 Governmental Immunity Limits Amendments (Sen. H. Stephenson)

This bill modifies the Governmental Immunity Act of Utah by amending provisions related to limitations of judgments.

This bill:

- ▶ amends judgment limitation amounts to reflect amounts currently in effect as adjusted by the state risk manager based on changes in the Consumer Price Index;
- ▶ adds language to clarify that judgment limitation amounts specified in the statute are periodically adjusted; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

S.B. 197 Local Initiative and Petition Ballot Titles (Sen. P. Knudson)

This bill modifies Election Code provisions related to ballot titles for local initiatives and local referendums.

This bill:

- ▶ provides that a local attorney that drafts a ballot title for a local initiative or referendum shall:
 - prepare a proposed ballot title;

- permit the local legislative body and the sponsors of the petition to submit written comments on the proposed ballot title; and
- review the written comments when preparing a final ballot title;
- ▶ provides procedures and a time line for preparation of the ballot title;
- ▶ permits the local legislative body to appeal the local attorney's determination of a ballot title;
- ▶ provides that the Supreme Court may be permitted to certify a local ballot title upon appeal, rather than requiring the Supreme Court to do so; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

3rd Sub. S.B. 211 Election Law Changes (Sen. H. Stephenson)

This bill amends provisions of the Election Code to extend provisional ballot eligibility to persons registered anywhere within the state instead of within the county and to replace satellite registration with an extended registration period.

This bill:

- ▶ removes unused definitions;
- ▶ eliminates satellite registration;
- ▶ requires all counties to use the statewide voter database;
- ▶ provides that voters who register in person at the office of the county clerk after the voter registration deadline but at least 15 days before the date of the election may vote on the day of the election, but not during early voting;
- ▶ permits a provisional ballot to be counted if the person voting was registered to vote anywhere in the state instead of just in the county where the provisional ballot was cast, provided that other, existing voting requirements are met;
- ▶ modifies provisional ballot envelope language; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

S.B. 241 Election Law Modifications (Sen. P. Knudson)

This bill modifies provisions in the Election Code.

This bill:

- ▶ permits the election officer to process and count absentee ballots prior to the date of the canvass, provided that the election officer does not release the results of the count until the time of the canvass;
- ▶ requires each election officer to publicly release the results of all absentee ballots counted as of the date of the election;
- ▶ requires each election officer to publicly release, on the date after the election:
 - the number of absentee ballots received by the election officer as of that time; and
 - the number of provisional ballots that were cast in the election within the election officer's jurisdiction;

- ▶ permits the election officer, during the period between the election and the date of the canvass, to publicly update the number of absentee ballots that the election officer has received;
- ▶ requires the lieutenant governor to certify the name of each candidate as it appears on the candidate's declaration of candidacy;
- ▶ prohibits the amendment or modification of a declaration of candidacy or nomination petition after the last date established for filing a declaration of candidacy;
- ▶ requires election officers that accept declarations of candidacy to inform the candidate that the candidate's name will appear on the ballot as it appears on the declaration of candidacy;
- ▶ moves the last day to declare candidacy for the Western States Presidential Primary from January 15 to October 15 of the previous year;
- ▶ amends language relating to the election of members of Congress; and
- ▶ makes other technical changes.

3rd Sub. S.B. 246 Government Law Changes (*Sen. S. Killpack*)

This bill modifies provisions in the Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act, the Utah Public Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act, and the campaign finance requirements of the Election Code.

This bill:

- ▶ requires that officeholders file annual campaign finance summary reports;
- ▶ provides and modifies definitions;
- ▶ removes reporting exemptions from certain travel, lodging, and meal expense reimbursements;
- ▶ clarifies disclosure requirements for public officials, elected officials of local governments, and certain state employees under the Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act;
- ▶ requires that financial expenditure reports be filed on a quarterly schedule;
- ▶ requires the report due on January 10 to list total expenditures for the previous year;
- ▶ permits financial reports to be filed electronically, consistent with current practice;
- ▶ requires that lobbyists file quarterly expense reports even when no expenses have been made;
- ▶ requires that lobbyists and principals be subject to reporting requirements until they cease lobbying;
- ▶ requires a lobbyist, principal, government officer, or member of a lobbyist group to disclose a recipient's name, the amount of the benefit conferred on each recipient, and other information for the following:
 - reimbursement or payment for travel or lodging costs;
 - the cost of admission to a professional or collegiate sporting event;
 - the cost of tangible personal property, if the aggregate daily expenditures made for the recipient are more than \$10;
 - the cost of food and beverage, if the aggregate daily expenditures made for the recipient are valued at more than \$50; and

- the cost of any other expenditure, if the aggregate daily expenditures made for the recipient are more than \$50;
- ▶ provides that other reportable expenditures are reported by public official type, rather than by name;
- ▶ establishes conflict of interest standards for lobbyists;
- ▶ modifies a provision in the Public Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.